## DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE P. O. Box 187007 Sacramento, CA 95818-7007 Telephone: (916) 227-0789 OCT -7 2010 DEPARTMENT) OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE To:

ASMS LOAN MODIFICATIONS, INC.,

SASHA GIVERTS, and

SERGEY ANIKIN,

The Commissioner (hereinafter "Commissioner") of the California Department of Real Estate (hereinafter "Department") caused an investigation to be made of the activities of ASMS LOAN MODIFICATIONS, INC. (hereinafter "ASMS"), SASHA GIVERTS (hereinafter "GIVERTS"), and SERGEY ANIKIN (hereinafter "ANIKIN"). Based on that investigation, the Commissioner has determined that ASMS, GIVERTS, and ANIKIN have engaged in, are engaging in, or are attempting to engage in, acts or practices constituting violations of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "the Code") and/or Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "the Regulations"), including the business of, acting in the capacity of, and/or advertising or assuming to act as, a real estate broker in the State of California within the meaning of Sections 10131(d) (performing services for borrowers and/or lenders in connection with loans secured by real property) and 10131.2 (real estate broker license required to charge and collect an advance fee) of the Code.

Furthermore, based on the investigation, the Commissioner hereby issues the following Findings

NO. H-11009 SF

ORDER TO DESIST AND REFRAIN

(B&P Code Section 10086)

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of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Desist and Refrain Order under the authority of Section 10086 of the Code.

Whenever acts referred to below are attributed to ASMS, those acts are alleged to have been done by GIVERTS and/or ANIKIN, acting by themselves, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators, and using the name "ASMS Loan Modifications, Inc.", "AMS Loan Modification", or other names or fictitious names unknown at this time.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. ASMS is a corporation registered with the California Secretary of State's Office. At no time mentioned has ASMS been licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 2. At no time mentioned has GIVERTS been licensed by the Department in any capacity.
- 3. At no time mentioned has ANIKIN been licensed by the Department in any capacity. At all times mentioned prior to approximately October 15, 2009, ANIKIN was the secretary and a director of ASMS.
- 4. During the period of time set forth below, GIVERTS, ANIKIN, and/or other agents or employees of ASMS whose identifies are unknown at this time, on behalf of ASMS solicited borrowers and negotiated to do one or more of the following acts for another or others, for or in expectation of compensation; negotiate one or more loans for, or perform services for, borrowers and/or lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property; and charge, demand or collect an advance fee for any of the services offered.
- 5. On or about June 30, 2009, GIVERTS and/or ANIKIN, as representatives of ASMS, solicited Alena K. (hereinafter "Alena") in order to provide a loan modification and negotiation services on behalf of Alena in connection with a loan secured by real property located at 1689 Jackson Street, Whitehall, Pennsylvania.

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- 6. On or about June 30, 2009, GIVERTS and/or ANIKIN, as representatives of ASMS, demanded and received an advance fee of \$1,399 from Alena for the activities described in Paragraph 5.
- 7. On or about June 22, 2009, GIVERTS and/or ANIKIN, as representatives of ASMS, solicited Gregory F., acting as an attorney-in-fact for Tatiana S., in order to provide a loan modification and negotiation services on behalf of Tatiana S. in connection with a loan secured by real property located at 2076 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco, California.
- 8. On or about August 1, 2009, GIVERTS and/or ANIKIN, as representatives of ASMS, demanded and received an advance fee of \$1,399 from Tatiana S. for the activities described in Paragraph 7.
- 9. On or about June 20, 2009, ANIKIN, as a representative of ASMS, solicited Tatiana A. in order to provide loan modification and negotiation services on behalf of Tatiana A. in connection with a loan secured by real property located at 2025 Kirkham Street, San Francisco, California.
- 10. On or about July 14, 2009, ANIKIN, as a representative of ASMS, demanded and received an advance fee of \$1,399 from Tatiana A. for the activities described in Paragraph 9.
- 11. On or about May 28, 2009, an unknown representative of ASMS, solicited Julian K. (hereinafter "Julian") in order to provide loan modification and negotiation services on behalf of Julian in connection with a loan secured by real property located at 11313 Avenida De La Lobos, Apt. A, San Diego, California.
- 12. On or about May 28, 2009, ASMS, demanded and received an advance fee of \$1,399 from Julian for the activities described in Paragraph 11.
- 13. On or about August 2, 2009, an unknown representative of ASMS, solicited Alexander F. (hereinafter "Alexander") in order to provide loan modification and negotiation services on behalf of Alexander in connection with a loan secured by real property located at 17791 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Maple Grove, Minnesota.

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- 14. On or about August 2, 2009, ASMS, demanded and received an advance fee of \$1,399 from Alexander for the activities described in Paragraph 13.
- 15. On or about October 5, 2009, GIVERTS, as a representative of ASMS, solicited Larisa A. (hereinafter "Larisa") in order to provide loan modification and negotiation services on behalf of Larisa in connection with a loan secured by real property located at 366 Tulare Street, Brentwood, California.
- 16. On or about October 5, 2009, GIVERTS, as a representative of ASMS, demanded and received an advance fee of \$1,399 from Larisa for the activities described in Paragraph 15.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- ASMS, GIVERTS, and ANIKIN, solicited one or more borrowers to perform services for those borrowers and/or those borrowers' lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property located within the State of California, and charged, demanded or collected advance fees for the services to be provided, which acts require a real estate broker license under Sections 10131(d) (real estate license required for enumerated acts) and 10131.2 (real estate broker license required to charge or collect an advance fee) of the Code.
- 18. ASMS, GIVERTS, and ANIKIN, used a form of advance fee agreement which had not been provided to the Department for its prior review and consideration, in violation of Section 10085 of the Code (prior submission of advance fee materials required) and Section 2970 (details for prior submission of advance fee materials) of the Regulations.

## DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein, ASMS, GIVERTS, and ANIKIN, whether doing business under your own name, or any other name or fictitious name, ARE HEREBY ORDERED to:

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- 1. Immediately desist and refrain from performing any acts within the State of California for which a real estate broker license is required. In particular, you are ordered to desist and refrain from soliciting borrowers and/or performing services for borrowers or lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property, unless and until you obtain a real estate broker license issued by the Department.
- 2. Immediately desist and refrain from charging, demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, for any of the services you offer to others, unless and until you demonstrate and provide evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that you are properly licensed by the Department as a real estate broker, and that ASMS, GIVERTS, and ANIKIN:
- (A) Have an advance fee agreement which has been submitted to the Department and which is in compliance with Sections 2970 and 2972 of the Regulations;
- (B) Have placed all previously collected advance fees into a trust account for that purpose and are in compliance with Section 10146 of the Code;
- (C) Have provided an accounting to trust fund owner-beneficiaries pursuant to Section 2972 of the Regulations; and
- (D) Are in compliance with California law, as amended effective as of October 11, 2009, with respect to loan modification and/or forbearance services. Under the amended law, you can only collect advance fees for loan modification or other mortgage loan forbearance services related to commercial loans and loans for residential properties containing five or more dwelling units.

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3. Immediately desist and refrain from demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, in any form, and under any conditions, with respect to the performance of loan modification or any other form of mortgage loan forbearance services in connection with loans on residential property containing four or fewer dwelling units.

DATED: 10/5/2010

JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner

BY: Barbara J. Bigby Chief Deputy Commissioner

**Notice:** Business and Professions Code Section 10139 provides that "Any person acting as a real estate broker or real estate salesperson without a license or who advertises using words indicating that he or she is a real estate broker without being so licensed shall be guilty of a public offense punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months, or by both fine and imprisonment; or if a corporation, be punished by a fine not exceeding sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)."